Welfare Schemes for backwards in M.P.

†1916. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount spent on the welfare schemes relating to Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes/widows/handicapped and minorities during the last three years in Madhya Pradesh;

(b) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the backward and the most backward classes under welfare schemes;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the numbner of persons and families benefited during this period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Post-Matric Scholarships to Tribal Students in M.P.

†1917. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the amount provided by the Central Government to the Madhya Pradesh Government for extending the post-matric scholarship and stipend to the tribal students during each of the last five years;

(b) the amount utilized by the State Government during each of the said years;

(c) the amount which has been sanctioned for the students of Government and private institutions; and

(d) the established rules for sanctioning scholarships and stipends?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) and (b) Details of Central Assistance provided by

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Government of India and utilised by Govt, of Madhya Pradesh towards Scheduled Tribes during the last five years under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Post-Matric Scholarship to SC and ST students are given below:—

(Rs. in Lakhs)

Year	Central Assistance	
	Released	Utilised
1994-95	407.23	353.93
1995-96	597.39	454.39
1996-97	973.62	973.18
1997-98	Nil	Nil
1998-99	Nil	Nil

(c) Information furnished above includes amount sanctioned by Govt, of India under the scheme towards Scholarship to the eligible students whether studying in Government or private institutions.

(d) All students belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes pursuing recognized post matricultation courses in recognized institutions are eligible for the Scholarship under the Scheme subject

to the following Means Test:

(a) In case of students whose parents'/ guardians' income from all sources does not exceed Rs. 38,220/- per annum — Full maintenance allowance and full fee.

(b) In case of students whose parents'/ guardians' income from all sources exceeds Rs. 38,22(K- per annum but does not exceeds Rs. 50,920'- per annum and who pursue:

(i) courses in Group"A' — Full maintenance allowance and full fee.

(ii) courses in Group 'B', 'C\ 'D' and 'E' — Half maintenance allowance and full fee.

(c) In the case of students, whose parents/ guardians' income from all sources exceeds Rs. 50,920'- per annum — No scholarship

NOTE: * Brief details of courses covered in Group "A" to "E"

Groups	Courses in brief
'A'	Degree and Post Graduation level courses in Medical (including B.A. M & S. etc). Engineering, Agriculture, Veterinary Science, Fisheries etc.
'B'	Diploma level courses in Medical, Engg. etc. Commercial Pilot Licence course, Degree and Post Graduation levels courses in Business Admn. Science subjects etc.
*c	Centificate courses in EnggTechology etc. Diploma courses in Agriculture, Pharmacy, Veterinary Science, Fisheries, Dairy Development etc. Post-Gradute courses in Arts and Commerce subjects.
'D'	General courses upto Graduate level (2nd year and onwards)
'E'	Classes XI and XII in 10+2 system, Intermediate courses and first year of general courses upto graduate level.

SC status to 'Navshudra' Caste in Uttar Pradesh

1918. SHRI MANOHAR KANT DHYANI: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to refer to reply to Unstrarred Question No. 3942 given in the Rajya Sabha on 12th May, 1997 and state:

(a) the reasons for postponing the matter of granting Scheduled Caste status to "Navshudra" the caste from East Bengal settled in Uttar Pradesh after partition; and

(b) by when this Caste will attain the status of Scheduled Castes in Uttar Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) and (b) The matter is being examined in consultation with the Government of Uttar Pradesh and the Registrar General of India in the light of modalities approved by the Government on